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**EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS : AUSTRALIA, DECEMBER 1971**  
**PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

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This preliminary statement will be followed by the monthly bulletin *Employment and Unemployment* (Reference No. 6.4) which gives information in greater detail. The figures shown are subject to revision.

The estimates contained herein are based on benchmarks derived from the results of the population census of June 1966. They are obtained from three main sources, namely (a) current payroll tax returns, (b) current returns from government bodies, and (c) some other current returns of employment (e.g. for hospitals); the balance, i.e. unrecorded private employment, is estimated. Month-to-month changes shown by current returns are linked to the benchmark data to derive the monthly estimates. At June 1966 recorded employment obtained from the foregoing sources accounted for about 85 per cent of the total number of employees in the industries covered, as determined by the census.

Current data supplied by reporting enterprises or establishments generally refer to persons on the payroll for the last pay-period in each month. Persons who are on paid leave or who work during part of the pay-period and are unemployed or on strike during the rest of the period are generally counted as employed. Those not shown on employers' payrolls because they are on leave without pay, on strike or stood down for the entire period are excluded.

The figures in this statement relate only to wage and salary earners, not the total labour force. They therefore exclude employers, self-employed persons and unpaid helpers. Also excluded, because of the inadequacy of current data, are employees in agriculture and private domestic service, and some part-time employees.

Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in tables are due to rounding.

**TABLE 1. -- WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT**  
**(Excluding defence forces and employees in agriculture and private domestic service)**

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Month	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	N.T.	A.C.T. (a)	Australia	
									Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)
Males										
1970 Nov.	1,103.2	808.8	379.9	268.4	c220.7	88.0	20.1	36.9	c2,925.9	c2,926.4
Dec.	1,112.2	815.9	377.9	271.3	224.5	88.9	20.1	37.3	2,948.3	2,934.9
1971 Nov.	1,113.4	814.7	392.0	273.1	230.9	r88.5	21.2	39.0	r2,972.7	r2,973.2
Dec.	1,115.1	819.8	388.9	273.3	231.5	89.0	20.7	39.3	2,977.5	2,963.8
Females										
1970 Nov.	569.5	435.9	176.3	133.2	111.2	39.5	8.3	21.5	1,495.4	1,489.0
Dec.	569.9	438.5	178.4	133.6	110.2	40.8	8.2	21.7	1,501.3	1,495.4
1971 Nov.	582.4	445.3	184.7	138.6	118.4	r40.5	8.9	22.7	r1,541.6	r1,534.0
Dec.	578.1	447.4	185.4	139.0	115.6	41.0	8.8	22.8	1,538.1	1,531.9
Persons										
1970 Nov.	1,672.7	1,244.7	556.2	401.6	c331.9	127.5	28.4	58.5	c4,421.3	c4,414.7
Dec.	1,682.1	1,254.4	556.3	404.9	334.8	129.7	28.3	59.0	4,449.6	4,428.7
1971 Nov.	1,695.8	1,260.0	576.7	411.7	349.3	r129.0	30.1	61.7	r4,514.3	r4,507.4
Dec.	1,693.2	1,267.2	574.3	412.3	347.1	130.0	29.5	62.1	4,515.6	4,494.2

(a) Includes persons employed in the Australian Capital Territory who reside in adjoining areas. (b) For details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting these and other series see *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators 1971* (Reference No. 1.10), issued on 2 July 1971.

(c) Affected by industrial dispute. r-revised.

TABLE 2. - WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN  
(Excluding defence forces and)

Industry group and sub-group	NOVEMBER 1970		
	Males	Females	Persons
Forestry, fishing and trapping	13.8	0.6	14.4
Mining and quarrying	66.9	4.5	71.5
Manufacturing -	c1,028.1	360.1	c1,388.1
Cement, bricks, etc.	50.5	6.1	56.6
Founding, engineering, metal working -	347.6	79.4	427.1
Extracting, refining, founding, etc. (a)	91.4	7.6	99.0
Metal products	103.0	24.0	127.0
Machinery and parts	100.5	16.8	117.2
Electronic and electrical apparatus, etc.	52.8	31.1	83.8
Ships, vehicles, etc.	173.7	20.1	193.8
Yarns, textiles, etc.	30.0	24.9	54.9
Clothing and knitted goods	17.9	77.1	95.0
Food, drink and tobacco	c139.3	50.9	c190.2
Sawmilling and wood products	45.4	4.7	50.0
Paper, printing, bookbinding, photography	81.3	33.1	114.5
Chemicals, dyes, explosives, paints, etc.	45.0	16.8	61.8
Other manufacturing (b)	97.4	46.8	144.3
Electricity, gas, water and sanitary services -	105.4	8.2	113.5
Gas and electricity	69.2	6.2	75.4
Water supply, sewerage, etc.	36.2	1.9	38.1
Building and construction	358.5	16.8	375.3
Transport and storage -	221.6	28.1	249.7
Road transport and storage	98.6	12.3	110.9
Shipping and stevedoring	40.4	3.1	43.5
Rail transport	57.3	6.1	63.4
Air transport	25.4	6.6	32.0
Communication	91.1	27.7	118.8
Finance and property -	118.6	91.5	210.1
Banking	52.9	32.5	85.3
Other finance and property	65.7	59.0	124.8
Commerce -	425.8	326.3	752.1
Wholesale trade	183.8	79.1	262.9
Primary produce dealing, etc.	27.4	7.2	34.6
Retail trade	214.5	240.0	454.6
Public authority activities (n.e.i.)	134.2	62.6	196.8
Community and business services -	249.3	407.5	656.7
Law, order and public safety	39.7	21.3	61.0
Religion and social welfare	20.2	21.3	41.4
Health, hospitals, etc.	45.7	181.2	226.8
Education	97.8	139.6	237.4
Other services	45.9	44.2	90.1
Amusement, hotels, cafes, personal service, etc. -	112.7	161.6	274.3
Amusement, sport and recreation	34.9	21.3	56.2
Hotels, personal service, etc.	77.8	140.3	218.1
All industry groups	c2,925.9	1,495.4	c4,421.3

(a) Includes manufacture of metal rods, bars, sheets, pipes, tubes and wire (except electric). (b) Comprises products of leather, clothing or footwear; rubber goods; musical, surgical and scientific instruments, etc.; plastic products; etc.

## CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRY GROUPS AND SUB-GROUPS, AUSTRALIA

and employees in agriculture and private domestic service)

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DECEMBER 1970			NOVEMBER 1971			DECEMBER 1971		
Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
13.9	0.6	14.5	13.4	0.5	14.0	13.6	0.6	14.2
68.2	4.6	72.8	70.0	4.9	74.9	70.3	4.9	75.2
1,028.2	356.7	1,385.0	1,038.1	359.6	1,397.7	1,029.2	354.6	1,383.9
50.4	6.1	56.5	49.9	6.3	56.3	49.6	6.3	55.9
349.7	79.0	428.7	351.8	80.2	432.1	349.5	79.2	428.7
92.5	7.7	100.2	92.1	7.7	99.8	91.4	7.7	99.1
103.4	23.8	127.2	104.8	24.2	129.0	104.3	23.9	128.2
100.9	16.6	117.5	101.1	17.5	118.6	100.4	17.2	117.7
52.9	30.9	83.8	53.8	30.8	84.7	53.4	30.3	83.7
173.3	19.9	193.2	175.3	21.6	196.9	174.1	21.3	195.5
29.8	24.5	54.4	28.8	23.0	51.7	28.7	22.7	51.4
17.8	76.2	94.0	17.6	74.5	92.1	17.5	73.7	91.3
137.8	50.7	188.6	145.8	52.6	198.4	141.8	51.6	193.3
45.4	4.7	50.1	44.7	4.6	49.3	44.6	4.6	49.2
81.5	32.8	114.3	81.0	32.7	113.7	80.4	32.3	112.6
45.2	16.4	61.5	44.3	16.7	61.0	44.2	16.4	60.5
97.3	46.4	143.8	98.9	47.4	146.3	98.8	46.7	145.5
105.8	8.2	114.1	106.5	8.4	114.9	106.8	8.5	115.3
69.2	6.3	75.5	69.1	6.3	75.4	69.0	6.3	75.3
36.7	1.9	38.6	37.4	2.1	39.5	37.8	2.1	40.0
357.5	16.9	374.4	r359.2	18.2	r377.4	357.2	18.0	375.2
222.4	28.2	250.7	222.8	28.5	251.4	222.3	28.6	250.9
98.8	12.3	111.1	99.3	12.6	111.9	98.8	12.6	111.4
40.3	3.1	43.5	39.5	3.2	42.8	39.0	3.2	42.2
57.7	6.2	63.8	57.8	6.1	64.0	58.2	6.2	64.4
25.6	6.7	32.3	26.1	6.6	32.7	26.3	6.6	32.8
100.1	29.5	129.6	92.2	28.3	120.5	100.3	29.5	129.8
119.3	92.3	211.6	122.2	92.4	214.7	122.3	92.6	214.9
53.2	33.2	86.4	54.9	34.9	89.7	54.9	35.2	90.1
66.1	59.1	125.2	67.3	57.6	124.9	67.4	57.4	124.7
432.4	334.0	766.4	429.6	329.8	759.4	435.0	334.7	769.7
184.6	79.2	263.8	185.8	80.5	266.3	186.3	80.2	266.5
28.2	7.2	35.4	25.7	6.7	32.5	26.9	7.0	33.8
219.6	247.6	467.2	218.1	242.6	460.7	221.8	247.5	469.3
135.2	62.9	198.2	138.8	65.6	204.4	139.6	66.2	205.8
250.4	404.8	655.3	261.7	435.2	696.9	261.7	430.4	692.1
39.8	21.4	61.2	41.5	23.2	64.6	41.5	23.3	64.8
20.2	21.3	41.5	20.3	22.2	42.6	20.4	22.3	42.6
46.1	181.0	227.1	48.1	196.1	244.3	48.7	195.9	244.6
97.3	136.9	234.3	104.5	150.1	254.6	103.9	146.3	250.2
47.0	44.2	91.2	47.2	43.6	90.8	47.2	42.6	89.8
114.8	162.5	277.2	118.1	170.0	288.1	119.2	169.4	288.7
34.9	21.1	56.0	35.8	22.3	58.1	35.8	22.0	57.8
79.8	141.3	221.2	82.2	147.7	229.9	83.4	147.4	230.9
2,948.3	1,501.3	4,449.6	r2,972.7	r1,541.6	r4,514.3	2,977.5	1,538.1	4,515.6

products of petroleum and coal; boots, shoes and accessories; furniture, fittings, etc.; jewellery, watchmaking, etc.; skins and leather (other than  
; and other manufacturing. (c) Affected by industrial dispute. r - revised.

TABLE 3. - WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA  
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES

(Excluding defence forces and employees in agriculture and private domestic service)  
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Month	Total civilian employees			Private/government (persons)		Principal industries (persons)	
	Males	Females	Persons	Private	Government (a)	Manufacturing	Commerce
Original							
July	2,957.2	1,516.1	4,473.3	r3,364.8	r1,108.5	1,338.3	745.2
Aug.	2,958.2	1,518.8	4,477.0	r3,368.1	r1,108.9	1,389.7	744.0
Sept.	2,959.3	1,524.5	4,483.8	r3,374.5	r1,109.3	1,390.8	746.8
Oct.	2,960.0	1,530.5	4,490.5	r3,380.5	r1,110.0	1,392.8	749.7
Nov.	r2,972.7	r1,541.6	r4,514.3	3,399.5	r1,114.8	1,397.7	759.4
Dec.	2,977.5	1,538.1	4,515.6	3,391.4	1,124.2	1,383.9	769.7
Seasonally adjusted (b)							
July	2,963.4	1,520.8	4,484.0	r3,376.2	r1,107.7	1,392.0	751.4
Aug.	2,966.7	1,525.1	4,492.5	r3,380.8	r1,111.0	1,394.0	749.9
Sept.	2,968.8	1,529.7	4,498.7	r3,384.1	r1,114.4	1,393.5	751.1
Oct.	2,971.2	1,532.5	4,503.6	r3,385.7	r1,117.6	1,394.5	751.0
Nov.	r2,973.2	r1,534.0	r4,507.4	3,386.3	r1,120.9	1,395.0	749.0
Dec.	2,963.8	1,531.9	4,494.2	3,378.9	1,118.1	1,388.8	748.8

(a) Includes employees, within Australia, of government bodies on services such as railways, road transport, banks, post office, air transport, education (including universities), broadcasting, television, police, public works, factories, departmental hospitals and institutions, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees. Excludes State and local government employees (4,4 thousand persons in December 1971) engaged in agriculture, or in private homes as employees of government emergency housekeeper services. (b) For details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting these and other series see *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators 1971* (Reference No. 1.10), issued on 2 July 1971. r - revised.

TABLE 4. - PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES : AUSTRALIA

(Excluding employees in agriculture and private domestic service)

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	NOVEMBER 1971			DECEMBER 1971		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Total civilian employees and defence forces	r3,051.4	r1,544.4	r4,595.8	3,054.1	1,540.8	4,594.9
Civilian employees	r2,972.7	r1,541.6	r4,514.3	2,977.5	1,538.1	4,515.6
Private	r2,154.3	1,245.1	3,399.5	2,148.4	1,243.0	3,391.4
Government (a)	r 818.4	296.4	r1,114.8	829.1	295.1	1,124.2
Commonwealth (b)	r 249.0	90.6	r 339.5	257.0	91.6	348.6
State (b)	476.7	192.0	668.7	477.7	189.6	667.3
Local	92.7	13.8	106.5	94.4	13.9	108.3
Defence forces (c)	78.7	2.8	81.5	76.6	2.7	79.3

(a) See footnote (a) to Table 3. (b) Includes semi-government bodies. (c) Permanent defence forces in Australia and Overseas. Includes national servicemen enlisted in the Regular Army Supplement. r - revised.